

Riverside Neighborhood Partnership

Minutes

September 10, 2001, 6:30pm

Location: La Sierra University

Members Present: John Strzelewicz, Tom Martin, David McNiel, Jaime Hurtado, Arthur Bos, Marie Leggette, Phyllis Wells, Manuel Carrasco, Brenda Flowers, Bruce Kulpa, Phil Abraham, Rosie Francisco

Excused: Richard Ramirez, Rich Biber, Patrick Williams, Ed Adkison, and Barbara Brown

Absent: Richard Burns, Bob Holstein, Paul Fick, John Garcia, Ernie Hautala, Dana Kruckenberg, Nancy Hart,

Guests: Steve Badgett, Assistant Director, Riverside Public Utilities, Belle Bevins, Bonnie Poulsen, Valerie Littlehawk, Terri Thompson, K. N. Robson, Pete Dangermond, Tony Esquibel, and Dr. Larry Garity

Staff: Eva Webster, Office of Neighborhoods; Martha Matus, Office of Neighborhoods

1. Welcome/Self-Introductions

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Strzelewicz at 6:35pm. Self-introductions followed.

2. Approval of Minutes – July 9, 2001

General consent on approval of the minutes from the July 9, 2001. No corrections having been requested, minutes approved by chairman.

3. Guest Speaker

4. Reports from Subcommittees

A. Jack B. Clarke Good Neighbor Award – Eva Webster

Eva Webster reported on behalf of the subcommittee. Jaime Hurtado will be chair of the JBC subcommittee. Martha provided copies of the JBC nomination form for review at their most recent meeting, and the nomination form was accepted with a few minor changes. The committee agreed to tentative dates for program events:

August 13, 2001 - Distribution of nomination forms

October 5, 2001 - Deadline date to submit nomination forms

October 19, 2001 - Staff notify overall winner

November 17, 2001, between 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. - Awards Ceremony

The next subcommittee meeting will be held second week in August (date to be announced) to discuss the distribution of nomination forms. A final draft will be presented to the full committee of the Riverside Neighborhood Partnership on September 10, 2001.

B. Neighborhood Pride Awards – David McNiel

David reported on updated application and nomination form and provided a draft to everyone. There will be three awards in each of the five residential areas represented on the RNP for a total of 15 awards. Awards will be presented at the same venue as the JBC award. The RNP members will help the Office of Neighborhoods distribute nomination forms. Timeline is the same as the JBC award timeline.

Discussion was had of Nancy Hart's idea of a door hanger. This idea came out of discussion at the Neighborhood Pride Award subcommittee meeting. The door hangers would be printed on plastic and would express appreciation for a resident's neighborhood pride by making home improvements or maintaining attractive landscape, etc. These door hangers would be given spontaneously by RNP and Office of Neighborhoods to residents and would not be part of the Neighborhood Pride Awards program. Office of Neighborhoods staff will look into having them made.

C. Mission and Goals – Jaime Hurtado

Jaime presented the amended by-laws as drafted by this subcommittee. Motion made to approval them as presented. Discussion followed. Tom Martin questioned the wisdom in Article III, Section 3, of not giving alternates voting authority. His concern was that if an alternate is serving in place of a regular member, why would they bother coming if they can't vote. Tom also expressed concern about Article V, Section 2 and the requirement that the chair and first vice chair be neighborhood representatives. Other items discussed were Article V, Section 4 on term limits and Article VIII, Section 1 on how to establish a quorum, Article XI, Section 1, making amendments.

Motion made to end debate.

(Hart/McNiel/Carried.)

Original motion restate to accept the by-laws as presented. Motion Carried.

(McNiel/Garcia/Carried)

Discussion had of whether there would be a July election per the by-laws. It was decided that election of officers would be agendized for the September 10 meeting. Jaime Hurtado suggested that, in the interest of continuity, the RNP maintain the status quo until next July. David McNiel suggested that the group would choose to re-elect him, but per proper procedure, an election must be held in compliance with the by-laws.

Motion made to hold elections in September. Motion carried.

(McNiel/Hautala/Carried)

5. Roving meetings – Eva Webster

Eva Webster asked for volunteers to host meetings. Area 5 will be hosting the September meeting at La Sierra University. Area 1 will be hosting, tentatively, the January meeting at RCC Alumni House. Meetings that are not planned in neighborhoods will be held at City Hall.

6. Future agenda items

Paul Fick requested that the Office of Neighborhoods get a report from the City Attorney as to whether the RNP is governed by the Brown Act. Also suggested that the City Attorney be the guest speaker in September to discuss the Brown Act

7. Other Business

- Neighborhood Matching Grant Application – Tom Martin
Mr. Martin presented a grant application and asked it be approved for \$1,000 for UC Riverside/Highland Neighborhood Watch.
(Martin/carried) One abstention.
- John Garcia requested that the RNP at a future meeting address the day laborer issue in the Casa Blanca neighborhood.
- Discussion of approval of JBC and Neighborhood Pride Award applications.
Motion made to give final approval to subcommittee for applications in final form.
(Kruckenberg/Leggett/Carried)
- David McNiel discussed issue of commercial trucks parking in neighborhoods and gave out the number to call to report at RPD (787-7911). Officer will respond.

- Jaime Hurtado discussed the problem with new construction areas and whether anything that can be done about debris or can the city do something. Four or five neighbors get the debris from nearby construction sites that blow into the yard. David McNiel suggested he call Bill Wilkman or Steve Whyld in the Planning Department.
- Tom Martin reported on his neighborhood watch group's plans for National Night Out .

8. Next Meeting: September 10, 2001, 6:30 p.m., Area 5
Paul Fick asked to be excused from the September meeting.

9. Adjournment

Meeting notes prepared by the Office of Neighborhoods